

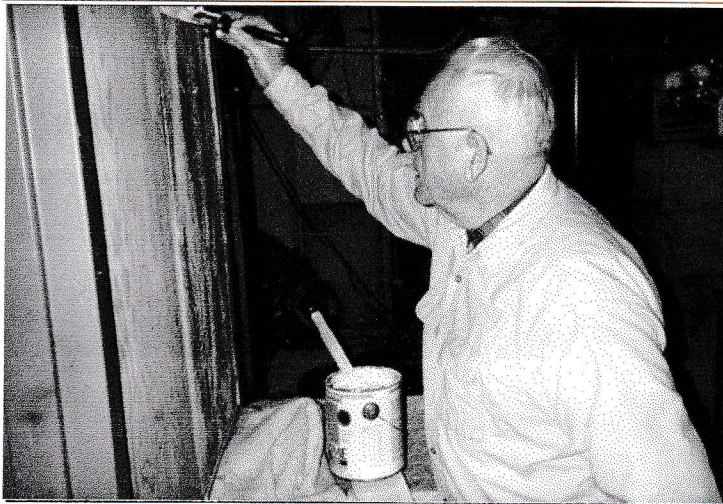


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RECENT PROGRESS: The handicap lift is in and operating! Jeanne and Larry Crosby gave the lift its first practical use on Sunday, January 19th, and it performed flawlessly. Some drywall and door hardware needs to be installed yet, but otherwise the lift is ready for use. Other work in the rear of the church has included a new roof overhang and



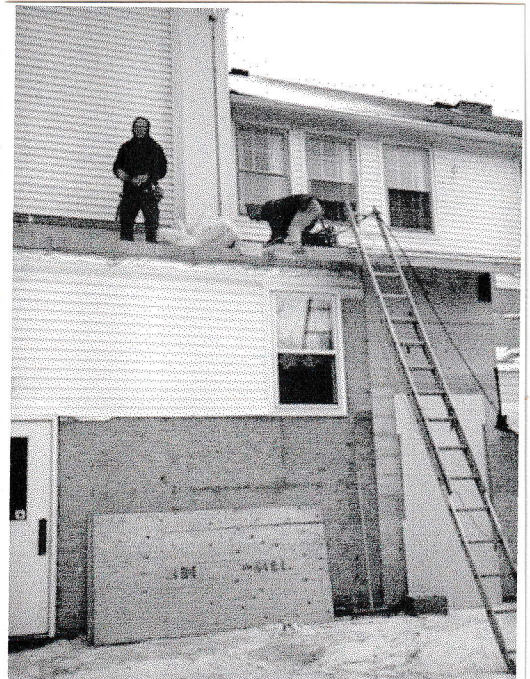
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dormers above the rear doors recently installed by Rick Stacy and his crew of hardy carpenters (they were up on that roof on a recent sub-freezing and very windy winter's day!). The rear entryway has also been expanded with the removal of the old wall to the secretary's office, giving us a hint of how spacious the foyer will be when that part of the project is completed.

The first floor men's room is nearly done, and the basement restrooms will be coming

along soon. Ceilings have been installed in some of the new basement rooms, and more of the basement rooms and hallways have been drywalled. There has also been progress on the second floor where the old storage space behind the Carrie Miller Room (over the old stage area), is being transformed into a new office for Mike Kuhlkin, our Youth Director. If you have a chance, take a look back there and see what has been accomplished.

PLANS: After some work on the ceiling in the new kitchen area, installation of a new kitchen sink will come soon, and we can begin getting the cabinets and other fixtures in place there. Work on the new rooms and restrooms will continue, with the next major element of the project, rebuilding the roof structures over the Fellowship Hall, now planned to get underway in late February or March. All of this ongoing work takes your continued volunteer support. Thursday



*Rick Stacy & Crew on
New Rear Roof*



At Work on Mike's New Office

evenings and Saturday mornings are the planned volunteer work sessions, but there is always the opportunity to help whenever you have a few extra hours at any time during the week. Call Dan Sheldon at 494-2442.

PROJECT FINANCING: Total project costs to date are \$237,000 with some recent major expenditures for the heating system and the continuing work on the plumbing. We have not had to increase our loan balance with the Bank of Castile for several weeks and it remains at \$180,000. Since we

are now receiving income from the Renovation Fund Drive, we are able to keep up with the project bills without dipping into our loan account.

The Renovation Fund Drive is coming along well, with 32 pledges totaling over \$160,000 received to date. Actual pledge receipts total \$93,000, with over \$17,000 in cash and about \$76,000 in stocks or other equities. We are well on our way to our goal of \$300,000 in total pledges.



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